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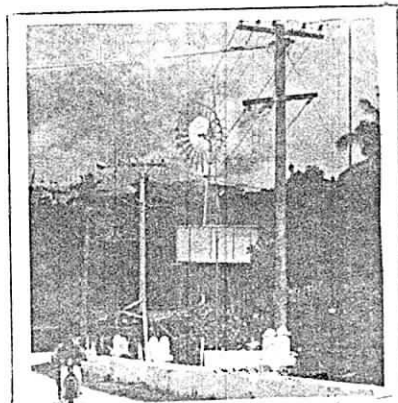
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ew Year 1989.

All elections are important. Every latest election is the most important in the nation's history.

So when Geoffrey Henry states "The coming elections will be the most important held in the Cook Islands", he is stating a truism.

But that does not make his point any the less valid.

These elections ARE important.

Not for business. Not for the elite. Not for the well-off Rarotongan families. Not for the transient resident. And not for the contract worker.

Whatever the result on January 19, nothing much will change for them.

But, to the ordinary Maori family, to the Public Servant, to the housewife and to youth the elections are more than just important.

They decide the future for five very long years, maybe...years in which a family can break apart, a Public Servant can rot in disfavour, a housewife can see the household crumble into debt and the housing loan fade into forgotten dreams, and youth can move listlessly into hapless adulthood.

In this issue of the JOURNAL, we take a long and serious analysis of the forthcoming elections.

We hope it provides our readers with plenty food for thought! And maybe one or two special insights.

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by
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ORANA
KOMRATI!

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF
THE MAPUMAI MARXIST LEAGUE:

?Kchtruchrtshwskivvsky?

That's what we stand for,
comrades.

What does it mean?

Who cares?

We do.

But few others do.

Do you?

Why should you?

And why not?

Indeed.

That's your democratic
right, see.

So....

When you reckon the plan-
et's not spinning your way,
just remember....

?Kchtruchrtshwskivvsky?

THAT'S US!

Note: If you think the
above makes about as
much sense as any-
thing else you've
heard about this
election, you're on
the point of becom-
ing one of us....

THE MAPUMAI MARXIST LEAGUE

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OR

If you don't fancy the
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gle members.

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next meeting:.....

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PART ONE
THE BIG
ISSUE—

What are we voting for?

Forget all your previous
notions of General
Elections, Westminster
Style.

A Cook Islands election is
many, many things. In sum,
they add up to Cook Islands
democracy.

Some ways of approaching
an understanding of the
version of Cook Islands
democracy on offer in Janu-
ary 1989, can be discovered
by recognising the many,
many things a Cook Islands
election is NOT!

It is NOT your average
white Western Commonwealth
election as in UK, NZ, Can-
ada or Australia.

Certainly, the outward si-
gns of the "British" heri-
tage are apparent - secret
written ballot papers, ret-
urning officers, nominatio-
ons, parties and, above all
a tight Electoral Act.

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The outward signs, too, are important. No one suggests an alternative. They provide a guarantee of reasonable fairness (in the Western liberal understanding of "fairness") and the people understand them.

But, a Cook Islands election also still contains enough of the nineteenth century (family-"owned" seats, "rotten boroughs" and massive electoral patronage) for "fairness" to be limited.

In addition, the "fairness" which has existed for the ordinary voter is under attack in the 1989 election.

Nominations now cost \$500. This is, at a rough estimate, 6%-7% of a successful adult working wage and would be the equivalent of a \$2000 nomination fee in NZ!

Then, the overwhelmingly dominant language of the election process is English - the native tongue of less than 5% of the electorate!

And, the qualification to vote is one year's residence ...at any time! Thus the lifetime Maori worker's rights to elect the Government which shapes his life, his family and his land holdings are no more than those of a foreign contract zillionaire who may depart these shores forever..one week after the election!

This latter factor, moreover, is no small affair.

A exceptionally narrow election victory in 1983 which proved crucial to the organisation of the 1984 Coalition was heavily rumoured to have been decided by votes cast by electors with no lasting ties to the Cook Islands and who have long departed..never to return again!

In many a constituency, victory can be decided by single figure margins (deemed by very many to be yet another reason for a reduction in the Parliamentary term).

Add to this the fact that next to no attempt to educate the voter or increase his/her political awareness through the media (bar the limited, home-made efforts of SEARCH and the JOURNAL).

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OUR OH SO PRECIOUS VOTE

The CIs. reputed obsession with politics is regarded with amusement abroad.

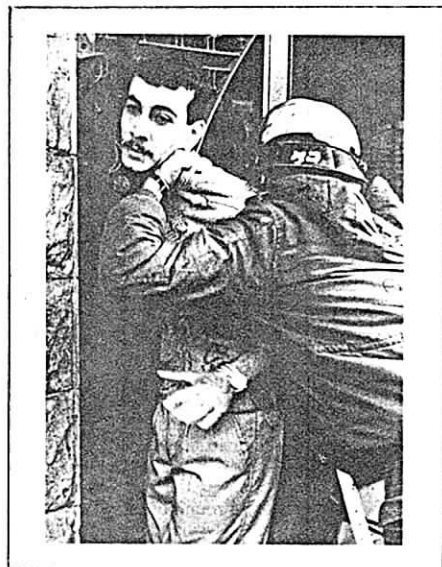
Not here. The intimate contact with the inner workings of power which this tiny country offers its people is our priceless gift. The fact that our politicians, like none other, are under the minutest of public and private scrutiny is our priceless democratic heritage.

For, what outsiders do not appreciate is that we are in a country in which every man, woman and child can be involved in the political process..if that process is kept under strict surveillance.

What is not realised, also, is that come January 20, the CIs. people will accept the result, will recognise a "government" and work loyally under it until the next time!

The JOURNAL asks all its readers to give thanks that we do, in fact, have a vote.

Many of our brothers and sisters around the globe have nothing remotely resembling it!



PICTURES: Democracy Denied!

TOP: Democratic Party Convention, Chicago USA 1968

ABOVE: Palestine 1988

BELOW: Ousted Fiji Labour Leader Bavadra, Suva 1987.



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Note that radio comment has been banned for all but a couple of weeks prior to the election and that the CI "mass" press comprises a government-controlled daily and a weekly appearing to be offering a last-minute vehicle for opposition expression.....

AND

...imagine, dear readers born and bred and raised in the liberal lands of the industrialised West, the reactions of outrage in, say, New Zealand towards an electoral system which was largely conducted in Maori, cost \$2000 a head to enter, in which any passing one-year Eskimo had equal rights with full citizens and in which TV coverage was blanketed out by Government edict and you were left with a Government newsletter and an opposition-funded rescue-mission to consult for information!!

Democracy, you would say, no way bro'!!

—(See Column Two) —



Perhaps the only Western politician whose prime concern has been, for twenty years, the increasing of political awareness on the part of the people is US Democratic Party candidate for the 1988 nomination, Rev. Jesse Jackson (above).

Jackson's work has involved grass roots action campaigns and projects in the areas of hunger, unemployment, drugs and housing.

Allied to that has been a nation-wide approach to voter education, especially among the USA's underprivileged minorities.

—(From Column One)—

The great white western political processes in the Commonwealth have evolved in their own way. Each has subtle differences, the one from the other.

Similarly, the Cook Islands political process is in the process of evolving.

Many models are influencing that evolution.

On the surface, for example, the system bears little resemblance to the USA constitutional democracy. Yet, deep down, there are important resemblances emerging.

Ideology is far less important than personality. There is a growing tendency for leaders to relish the style of executive Presidency rather than that of a constitutional PM.

The nomination process and the election itself this time (93 candidates for 24 seats!) offers many a comparison with the US primary or convention. The expected post-election bargaining and smoke-filled corridor negotiations also reflect US-style politics...as well as the cruder modern PNG way!

And, at a local level, the election often seems to resemble a show-of-hands to elect the town dog-catcher rather than an MP who will be sitting in the political forums of the world

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and handling million dollar aid and business contracts!

So, there is more than a little bit of the USA deep down.

Where we don't resemble the USA at all, though, is in the breadth of the backgrounds which cover our huge list of candidates.

In fact, we can take more than a little pride in a list which includes workers, "peasants", farmers, fishermen, doctors, teachers, engineers, lawyers, public servants, men and women, young and old, aristocrats and commoners.

Admittedly, we don't have a white candidate this time. But one or two came close to nomination, at least.

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He has yet to turn this work into political success within the "system".



FREE US!

US politics are revolutionary, rather than evolutionary such as UK-derived Commonwealth systems.

They take their inspiration and their ground rules from the Revolutionary Constitution of the USA, now over 200 years old.

At its best, US politics takes the candidate right down to people's level in debate as in the scene above where 1988 Presidential candidate Dukakis takes to the streets.

It also produces heroic personalities who embody, at times, the people's longings and aspirations such as Dr. Martin Luther King (below).

It offers, however, a dark, dark side.

Dukakis' attempt to bring unemotional analysis of vital management issues to the people was swamped by a glittering non-issue media campaign by George Bush.

King was assassinated.



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Neither is a Cook Islands election a quintessential third world election.

It is multi-party.

It is neither blood-soaked, murderous and vicious at the one extreme (Sri Lanka, Philippines, South Korea, Pakistan, Kenya etc...to name but a few in recent times) NOR is it mind-numbingly feudal (Fiji, Tonga, W. Samoa) at the other.

Its village-level basis is representative of the best in people's democracy. Its style of conducting public meetings is often demagoguery at its worst.

Completing a modern picture of CIs. electioneering is the latest introduction of a direct business and foreign-based financial involvement in campaigning.

Whilst not as overt as the foreign involvement in 1978, this nevertheless marks a new departure.

It marks an ominous signpost for the future in the minds of those who would prefer to see a slow evolution of the CIs. political process under the people's control.

The 1988-9 arrival of glossy, high-cost campaign literature paid for by business and foreign money will produce an obvious counter thrust in the future.

It means that we are certain to see the escalation of costs and the development of new strategies which will change the character of CIs. elections in the future.

It could be one step more towards the ultimate alienation of the people from their own electoral process.

As has been experienced in Fiji, a "gut" feeling by the people that they are not in control of their own political destiny, can set in motion a frightening scenario.

No one should underestimate the potential for intervention in an extreme situation by our own sizeable police force and/or New Zealand.

The leaders of all political parties



And WE criticise OUR politicians for manipulating, not working together and paddling in different directions. Here's the leaders of the International Brethren of Marxist Solidarity etc in the Marxist-governed Indian State of Kerala rowing round and round in circles last year in economic policy. Fear not, Pui and Geoff/Vince and Tom/Norman and Pupuke.....you're not alone! ('India Today')

need to be aware of the factors which could lead to the growth of a "Taukei-style" movement in this country.

Nothing is more likely to promote that sort of movement than a feeling deep within the electorate that the economy and the political process are way out of the people's control.

The seeds of a local "Taukei" (Fijian fundamentalism) are already planted....

...a pro-Davis extremist seeks to petition Parliament to exclude "whites" from the electoral process....

.....an Atiuan chairman threatens to call in the police if a meeting is not conducted in the "traditional way" (as defined by the chairman!)...

....a politician brands all media as "foreign elements in OUR culture"

....another speaks of "deliberate misleading of OUR people by newspapers (any newspapers)."

These (all statements given in JOURNAL interviews in the last year) are disturbing indications of a shadowy path our politics could follow.

The causes of this deep current of 'malaise' running through CIs. politics is open to wide debate.

Some will say it is precipitated by the worst excesses experienced through the Coalition's assumption that MP's can act

like traditional despots bestowing favours upon their supporters and keeping the people in ignorance about what they are really up to.

Others claim that it is a result of a lazy opposition seeking to substitute foreign gloss in campaigning for a long, determined effort to win the people's hearts and minds.

Still others claim that it is a result of the people's disillusionment at the manoeuvring and manipulation that has characterised CIs. politics over the last five years.

The latter appears to be widespread (both the disillusionment and the manipulation).

It also marks a disturbing trend. Sadly, third world politics has frequently seen massive disillusionment with individual politicians followed frighteningly by equally massive disillusionment with the whole political process.

This has all too often been the pattern of Latin American, African and Asian political development and the signs are everywhere in the South Pacific for a repetition in our Region.

There is a limit to people's tolerance. Sooner or later, the defence mechanism of cynical detachment which

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we all wear as a shield is violently cast aside and the people declare....'NO!!!' THIS IS TOO MUCH TO SWALLOW!

The JOURNAL believes we are approaching that stage in the Cook Islands.

Disturbingly "politics" is a thoroughly dirty word. And "politician" is a universally despised profession.

The people can hardly be blamed for taking that view after the past five years.

This is what they have witnessed (among a many matters of concern):

March 1983: The election of a single-party majority with a five-year mandate after an election which was stable and fought along the lines established since about 1969.

March-July 1983: Dithering (but honest) leadership by Geoffrey Henry. The arrival rumoured of the notorious Henry-Australia connection. The calculated destruction of the majority by Tupui Henry with the assistance of then Opposition Leader Vincent Ingram. The announcement of "coalition" between Ingram and T. Henry.

August to November 1983:

Rule by the High Court. Caretaker Government. T. Henry forms CIPA and stands on a CIPA-Demo coalition platform.

November 1983:

A weak Demo administration returned due to vote-splitting caused by the Ingram-T. Henry coalition.

December to August 1984:

Ingram and Pokino engineer downfall of Demo government (or vice versa or whatever tale you want to believe).

August 1984 to May 1985:

Davis and G. Henry form Demo-CIP coalition.

May to June 1985:

G. Henry and Ingram attempt overthrow of Demo-CIP coalition.

June-July 1985:

Ingram/G. Henry moves to overthrow Demo-CIP coalition undone by Maoate and, rumouredly

behind the scenes in Arorangi....T. Henry!!

August 1985:

G. Henry dismissed from Demo-CIP coalition. He and CIP rump go into opposition in alliance with Ingram. Demo-CIP (Maoate) form new coalition. Ingram declares himself true head of Demos (Demo Tumus). G. Henry declares himself head of true CIP's. T. Henry announces death of CIPA. Maoate et al declare themselves true CIP's.

December to January 1985-1986:

Davis attempts to dump Norman George. Davis attempts to dump QR.

January 1986-August 1987:

Parliament largely abandoned. Davis appears to be attempting to dump anyone he disagrees with (or vice versa etc). Demo groups emerge from within and the Coalition ready to topple. Tupui Henry informs JOURNAL he is pro-Coalition and pro-George.

August 1987:

Robati, George and Maoate dump Davis and form new Coalition under Robati. G. Henry, Ingram form opposition coalition with.....Davis!!!

August to December 1988:

Sadaraka (ex-Demo candidate with Unity overtones etc) forms People's Party. Jonassen (ex-Demo) forms Labour Party. Ingram announces anti-government election coalition with CIP's!!!

And so on....

SO..since 1983, Vincent Ingram has been allied to:

Tom Davis
Pupuke Robati
Norman George
Tupui Henry
Geoffrey Henry
Tom Davis (again)

Geoffrey Henry has been allied to:

Tupui Henry
Terepai Maoate
Tom Davis
Norman George
Pupuke Robati
Vincent Ingram
Tom Davis (again)

Tom Davis has been allied to:

Vincent Ingram
Norman George
Pupuke Robati
Geoffrey Henry



The mightiest of the mighty coming to terms with the people's will!

Lyndon Johnson, regarded as one of the 20th Century's most skilled manipulators of US politics finally runs out of "options" and "scenarios" and backs away from facing the people's verdict. Election withdrawal speech 1968 (above).

Terepai Maoate
Tupui Henry
Vincent Ingram (again)
Geoffrey Henry (again)

Tupui Henry has been allied to:

Geoffrey Henry
Vincent Ingram
Tom Davis
Terepai Maoate
Norman George

Norman George has been allied to:

Tom Davis
Vincent Ingram
Pupuke Robati
Geoffrey Henry
Tupui Henry
Terepai Maoate

Pupuke Robati has been allied to:

Tom Davis
Geoffrey Henry
Norman George
Vincent Ingram
Terepai Maoate

Terepai Maoate has been allied to:

Geoffrey Henry
Tom Davis
Norman George
Pupuke Robati
Tupui Henry (maybe).

In the same period, Vincent Ingram, Tupui Henry, Geoffrey Henry, Norman George, Pupuke Robati and Terepai Maoate have actively attempted to bring about the downfall of governments to which they belonged!

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And, in two pieces of virtually unprecedented farce in Commonwealth politics:

*Geoffrey Henry, as Deputy Prime Minister, published a vote of no-confidence in his own government!

*Pupuke Robati, Norman George and Terepai Maoate actually moved and passed a vote of no-confidence in...themselves!!!!

Aue! Aue! And the public is asked to take it all seriously!

If Vincent Ingram announced tomorrow that he had formed a People's Liberation Front with Nihi Vini, Norman George and the Rev, Tutai Pere, no one would disbelieve him, any more than they would if Geoffrey appointed Helen Henry his Foreign Minister and applied for Atuan citizenship.

The people, meanwhile have had some storm-tossed rides in the canoes skippered by the nation's leaders.

I can remember being a highly suffering deck hand on the Pokino/Ingram vessel...until it decided to go into permanent dry dock and sail nowhere.

I can remember having officer status in the Geoffrey Henry coalition liner...until it crashed and some of us got rescued by Norman's lifeboat...until that, too, lost rudder, mast and sails in uncharted waters...and Rena's half-inflated dinghy happened by.....!!!

So it has been for untold loyal Cook Islands citizens. Longing for consistency, some ideology, some nation-building etc...they have been expected to live below decks, man the pumps and sail to whatever destination the captain up top sunning himself temporarily decides is suitable for him!

No wonder there's 93 candidates!

Life is a darned sight less risky up top on the bridge than down here below the waterline!

Suffice to say that this election is the last of its kind.

Cook Islands politics, from the tapere to the nation as a whole is in a process of dynamic change.

It happened in the Solomons. It happened in Vanuatu. It happened in PNG. New types of candidate are emerging.

Mangaia, for example, offers two. They may or may not succeed. But they are not power brokers. They are close to the working people. They are intelligent. They have an immaculate record of work (not committee chairing but WORK) in their tapere.

Tiriamate Ngatokorua, an Independent from Ivirua, free to take his people in any direction which serves their interests and Tamarua's CIP representative Mii Parima all offer total ideological consistency and reflect in their candidacy not pro- or anti- government stances but impatience and disillusion with the whole system over the last five years.

It is thus that the JOURNAL notes what we feel is the single issue which has the most relevance to the people of the Cook Islands.

The issue for the people is the one on which Government has chosen to fight.

Is it Power to the Tapere, regardless of which national party the best man represents?

Or, do the people still have any faith left in the "western" party system so that they will vote in the "party" man no matter who he is, what record he has and what use the party will make of his vote?

Power to the tapere OR Power to the nation?

That's what will be answered fairly clearly on January 19.

And, if it is the former, then many will judge that it is the party leaders themselves by their astounding personal manoeuvring, who have temporarily destroyed the people's faith in party politics.



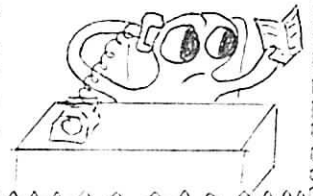
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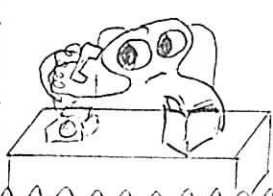
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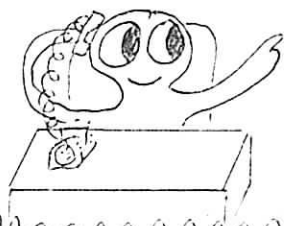
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THE ANATOMY OF A VOTE

PART TWO

LOGIC AT WORK

The only objective analysis of the constituencies can be that done by applying logic based upon history and proven Cook Islands voting patterns and habits.

It is a Cook Islands habit for candidates and parties to boast of "absolute certainties", "he's a gonner" and "we've done our house to house count" etc.

It is a pretty insulting tactic which amounts to scaremongering in an endeavour to convince the timid that the result is a foregone conclusion.

To allay such fears for our readers we assure them that a vast number of Cook Islanders tell all candidates politely that they are going to vote for them...the floaters, that is. So no so-called house count is anywhere near certain.

The analysis below, based on logic, voting patterns and our own polling, we believe is the most reliable published.

1. Voting Patterns and Habits:

*The most important pattern as far as forecasting is concerned is that Cook Islanders and CIs. families are not natural floaters. Swings on ideological grounds are not common. A "hard-core Demo does not like to change party. In some districts it will bring local ridicule, loss of status and long-lasting charges of untrustworthiness and unreliability. Also family party allegiances are long-standing

and often based on family history or events which conditioned the current grandparents. Thus to change party is a very serious matter with possible reflections upon other relatives in the past. Stability of land holdings are also sometimes at stake, especially on Mangaia. Family heads and family-meeting chairmen are also to be respected. Consistency in party allegiance is respected even among opponents.

(see Column Three)



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The most radical change of all in CIs. politics...

The CIP's "foreign" hard-sell campaign literature.

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Breaks in these patterns are occurring, however.

The "mapu" (youth) are not yet independent voters in the OIs. but on Rarotonga the 1989 election may see a significant, though slight, independence by the mapu for the first time.

The Coalition also has eroded some traditional patterns. One of the important aspects of the 1989 election will be the tracing of the effect of the Coalition.

*Another recurring phenomenon is that those who change parties do not get back in...even aronga maata such as Tupui Henry and Joe Williams.

The Coalitionists, for this reason, have been very careful to maintain the claim that they are still Demos and CIP's. Vincent Ingram and Geoff-

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INFRASTRUCTURE**

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PAGE..

rey Henry have tried to create the impression Coalitionists are part of a new party. The election will indicate who has been successful here. On Atiu, the coalitionists have won hands down. The two Coalitionists have so far successfully maintained recognition as Demo and CIP.

*Cook Islanders are not natural suckers for the split vote. Only in the last Ruaau election and in Tom Davis' re-win of Avatiu has it had real effect. Minor parties have a habit of getting bombed!

2. The Balance of Power:

This is very important.

Albert Henry bequeathed the CIP's a very slight popular vote majority in 1978 (50.5%). Resettlement of returning Demos in the 1980's and continued migration of the working class would tend to suggest that this has been negated by now. Geoffrey Henry, however, has probably turned some pure anti-Albert non-CIP's into floating voters. Thus the popular vote is likely to be pretty even between CIP's and non-CIP's.

However, Albert's legacy shows up clearer when the popular vote is split into the modern constituencies.

Here there is a natural CIP majority of 15-9.

It shocked the Demos in 1983 when they found that five years in power had done little to alter it, except in NZ.

Geoffrey Henry (and Tupui Henry) put it all together in 1983.

If he can do the same in January (without Pui) the CIP's will gain a minimum of 15 seats and possibly two extra. That is the possible CIP landslide we have mentioned in the past.

The factors which may prevent that and destroy Albert's old natural majority are:

:The Tupui Henry family are not supporting G. Henry.

:3 CIP strongholds and 3 CIP marginals are in the hands of CIP Coalitionists.

If the Coalition holds, then Geoffrey's CIP

natural majority will be reduced to 9-10, the figure forecast for him by the Henrys (Hugh).

3. The Hung Parliament:

Probably the craziest constitutional amendment of them all was the Demo decision to create the even number of 24 seats. The possibility of the next Parliament being "hung" is very real.

In that event the QR will invite various leaders to see whether they can form a government.

These are the possibilities:

Dr. Robati would be able to call on all re-elected Coalitionists plus any Labour or Independent seats.

Mr. Ingram would be able to attempt to unite all Demos, possibly under Dr. Robati.

Mr. G. Henry would be able to call upon Mr. Ingram or mount a 1984-style Grand Coalition with Dr. Robati.

OR seek the support of any Labour or Independent seats.

At this stage, Mr. George looks to have

only a minor role to play in the event of a hung Parliament.

problems are down to a maximum of 15 seats, including now 4 very shaky ones.

AR Henry

"Me kua meitaki e kua tau te au akakoroanga e te manakonakoanga ka meitaki rai te au mea katoatoa"

BELOW: Old-style CIP electioneering (1974) built around the personality of Albert Henry, heavily Maori-oriented and keeping the technology and presentation at the people's level.

The content and substance of the 1974 manifesto is, arguably, superior and more detailed than the 1989 campaign literature.

The technology is light years apart, however. A curious departure, the JOURNAL suggests, for a party standing on control of foreign domination as one of its oft-quoted stances.

"I LOVE
Policy
& CIP
Platform
UKI ANGA"



THE ANATOMY OF A VOTE

PART THREE THE SEATS

Arutanga-Reureu-Nikaupara

Sitting Member-Ngereteina Puna (Former CIP Minister of Education) stands again.

Safe in 1978 and 1983 on the rock-solid Aitutaki natural CIP majority.

Geoffrey Henry loyalist.

Under heavy criticism at home for lack of "visibility" and living in Rarotonga. Staunch SDA. Left of centre.

Rumoured to be in some difficulty six weeks ago but, according to brother Henry (CIP National Campaign manager) all is well again. Maybe, we hear!

Logic points to Puna holding the seat. The large number of candidates will divide up his opposition. Logic also indicates that Aitutakians won't risk jeopardising a possible G. Henry pro-CIP, pro-Aitutaki administration.

Amuri-Ureia

The same considerations as for N. Puna (above) apply to Kura Strickland, the CIP sitting member. Strickland, moreover, is not reported to be under the same critical pressure as Puna. A long-time backbencher prepared not always to toe the party line in debate, Strickland is well-respected among Aitutakians and seems certain to get in on both personal and party following.

Vaipae-Tautu

Bill Paiti (Coalition CIP) is a "tapere-first" man in the mould of Atiu's Mariri Paratainga. The Government have made great efforts to project his image as a hard-working man of the people who lays his own tar-seal etc! This is a crucial seat for Coalition and a crucial seat for Labour where the Davey candidacy may show whether Labour has attracted any real CIP following. Little-known Thomas Hewett has history and logic on his side for the CIP. Very, very close and a key seat for all parties.

Te Enui/Marumai:

Atiu will stay Coalition under Mariri Paratainga. Atiuans have no record of switching parties en masse but CIP Teariki Simiona has too many negatives for the Party faithful. Interest lies in whether cynical Demos vote anti-Coalition or go along with the Mariri taokotaianu call.

Te Ngatangi-Aroora-Ngati-arua:

The seat the whole nation

will be watching. Local opinion reckons "Big Norm" couldn't do a better job at losing his safe seat if he deliberately tried to. A very occasional visitor, he seems to be relying on his hard-pressed committee to win it for him! With Tura Koronui making ground daily, the Minister promises to come back to make "war" soon. Thus the seat will be a Demo vs. CIP plus fed-up Demos. Norman should win but a lot of supporters feel taken for granted.

Oneroa:

Arch-pragmatist Matepi Matepi (Minister of Education) is in the deepest trouble of his career. Sons of the original Legislative Assembly members, he and Ivirua's Pa Pokino appear

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AND

1983

BELOW: Perhaps the ultimate in disdain for the people's rights to information at election time (until the 1988-9 Coalition bar on CIBNC)...the Demos cheap, last-minute CIBNC "ads" offering vague generalities and no specific programme for the future.

Coalitionists beware. The Demos lost!!

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

THE MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BETWEEN 1978 AND 1982 HAS
OCCURRED IN THESE AREAS

Value of Agriculture exports between 1978 and 1982 increased three fold.

Manufacturing has increased over six fold.

Before 1979 we imported fish. Since then we are supplying our needs and it will not be long before we will be exporting fish.



MOU I TE KO
MOU I TE ERE

to have exhausted support for mere dynastic succession and for the first time are being challenged to stand on their own personal records. Labour is very strong in the shows up reasonably in the form of ex-Demo Tangata-kino. But it is Deputy Mayor Nooroa Samuel, backed by most of the Demo Tumus, and all of them nursing powerful grievances against Matepi, who looks to have the seat at this stage. Matepi's huge safety margin has been slashed to ribbons. Oneroa, against logic, is NCT a seat now offering much to the nation.

Tamarua:

The tiniest seat of all. Coalition Demo Teaurima defends what once looked to be pretty safe. But he has lost a lot of local goodwill by his residence in Rarotonga plus the support of at least one strategic family. CIP Mii Parima, from a highly respected family, is standing on an anti-Piri platform rather than CIP traditions and is a very strong, young, popular candidate. Yet another marginal in the land of once rock-solid Demo country. Tumu/CIP alliance.

Ivirua:

Another crucial seat as it could spell the end of the Demo Tumus and the Pokino dynasty. Independent Tiriamate Ngatokorua is everyone's model candidate, everywhere. Incorruptible, idealistic, exceptionally talented etc etc...as are several of his closest backers. It will take all the efforts of father Aberehama plus the CIP's to get Demo Tumu No.2 Pa Pokino back in.

Astoundingly, it is not inconceivable that no full Demos will be returned in Mangaia. Unlikely, though, if the Mangaians get the wind of what that will mean in local power structures...before January 19. But, the fact remains, Mangaia could ring down the curtain nationally on the party they have supported for so long.

Mauke:

Unfortunately, Maeva Karati (former CIP committee chairman), like more than a few other candidates, is standing on a one-issue personal platform. Coalition may be his

banner but disgruntlement is the platform. Sitting CIP member Vaine Taerea defends a superb record and looks to be in trouble.

Mitiaro:

Minister of Justice Nga David (Coalition CIP) needs strong Demo support. He may not get it as there is a Demo Tumu presence on the island which may influence Demos to support CIP. Very tight indeed.

Rakahanga

Unthinkable that PM Pupu Robati should have a single worry except about how big his majority will be.

Manihiki:

The most crucial of all the Northern seats. Sheer population stats in the two villages will decide it...not ideology. Sitting Coalition Demo Ben Toma has a patchy record and is challenged by one of the "bright young future hopes" in CIP Joseph Haupipi. But the solidarity of the N. Group caucus and the knowledge that under Robati, the Northern Demo trio get a big share in Government may mean enough Manihikians feel they have nothing to lose and everything to gain in returning Ben.

Penrhyn:

QR Tangaroa Tangaroa is rumoured to be still giving his blessing to sitting Coalition Demo Nihi Vini. That, and long absent Nihi's current residence up North could carry the day again in a seat where the opposition is heavily divided. Labour's Alfred Morris is considered very strong.

Pukapuka: The staunchest CIP stronghold of them all has lived loyally through bleak opposition years and is not going to toss out a possible future Deputy PM in Inatio Akaruru.

Overseas: No longer the CIP certainty it was for Peter Marsters, especially with the only genuine "split" vote offered by candidates outside Raro (Sitting Coalition Demo Iaveta Arthur and Nga Unuia). Tupui Henry's presence as a surrogate for cousin Howard complicates matters as he could try to arouse old Albert sympathies. Labour's



The straight-talking and highly controversial Minister of Works Raymond ("I wanna see a **!!-ing improvement round here) Pirangi...defends the Ruaau seat where he has had the most charmed life of any politician, being regularly voted in and out of office for the past ten years!

Hakaoro will pick into the traditional support for Labour by CIP-ers in NZ. And Geoffrey Henry could blow things if he panics and plays into Tupui's hands. Once a CIP safe seat, the Demos campaigned well in 1983 and gave themselves a reversed safe margin. All in all, 1989 now sees it as a marginal seat.

Rarotonga: This is, of course, where it is all won or lost. In 1983, (March) CIP swept it clean virtually, 7-2. They could do it again. If there is a swing to CIP's and if their natural majority holds, the landslide will be on. Logically, however, they can't do it...quite.

Takuvaine: Lionel Browne once more holds the key. If he backs CIP Leader Geoffrey Henry, it's all over. The Coalition Demos cannot win. The CIP could lose it. It depends on Lionel. Plus, presumably, the support of Fred Goodwin's non-participating Demo Tumus and the prospect of a future PM in the constituency.

Tupapa: Dan Kamana's record is not given much praise locally. The CIP ranks have been split for a long time over the candidacy. No way, however, that it should

turn blue. The blacks will stay green and gold!

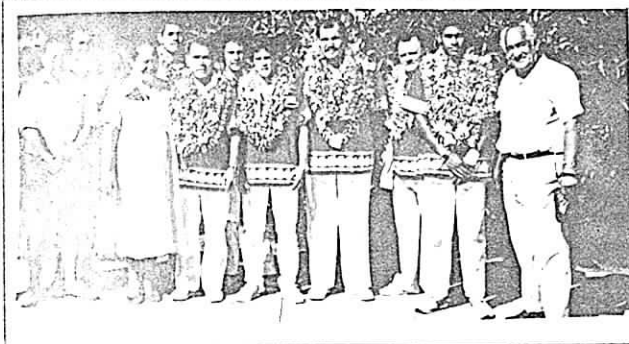
Avatiu: This is the archetypal Raro marginal. Listeners on the CAO's short wave frequency can get early warning on both Avatiu and the nation by not getting caught listening to the Palmerston results. They are usually first in. 20+ to CIP and Tom Davis is out and a national CIP swing is on the cards! Tom has strong support and strong opposition. Labour has a following. Rei Jack has history and logic on his side.

Nikao-Panama:

A weak CIP candidate is helped by Demo division between sitting member Vincent Ingram (Demo Tumas) and Coalition Demo John Wichman. The Demo "split" here will hold...which is bad news for Vince and John. BUT...in view of Vincent's declared support for Geoffrey Henry, some CIP's may see him as the safe way of getting what they want. Vincent has a safe majority to defend but it has been seriously eroded by the Wichman campaign. All he offers is more years in opposition. Logic says the split must destroy Vincent. Observation notes that he seems to have been building a very strong commercial hedge to protect his non-political future. Reason suggests he will be hurt by the Atupa boundary changes. "Gut feeling" rebels, though, at the prospect of losing the nation's best Parliamentary debater. Vince's political skills are right on the line. The nation needs him. Democracy in the Cook Islands needs him. Nikao, though, appears to feel it does not!

Ruaau:

Sitting member Raymond Pirangi (Coalition CIP) has a charmed life. He's been elected three times. In 1978 he was removed after five months in the court case over flying voters. In 1983, he lasted another five months in the short-lived Henry administration. Again in 1983 he got in as a minority candidate thanks to the massive Demo split vote. Ruaau is Demo country



Although mightily divided frequently by politics, Cook Islanders still manage to work constructively and peacefully together in community and national affairs which transcend the basic differences in political background. (One of the advantages of non-ideological politics ED.). Here PM Pupu Robati (far right) and CIP candidate Utia Matata (far left) join forces in their main national interest (Boxing) to welcome a Tahitian team.

and Raymond will find things no easier this time. But, the CIP candidate is not strong. Raymond will keep many of his own CIP's and a wing of the Demos is reported to be backing him. God knows how, but Big Ray could be back!

Muri-Enua: With Hugh Henry out and Labour leader Rena Jonassen going to pick up some following, the other half of the Puakura twins "Big" Jim Ware has the way clear to take on CIP Utia Matata head on, backed by his own loyalists and some Demos. It's straight CIP territory but Jim's the No. 1 grass-roots man in the country and could win again.

Titikaveka: Again, CIP territory but only just. Teariki Matenga has defied the odds on two other occasions. If Robert Wigmore's people back him and the shadowy Short presence up there now exerts influence, he could make it ahead of popular rugby star Tiki Matapo. Matapo could break across party lines and attract the Hallelujah Chorus it is said. But, when the chips are down in Titikaveka, it's family ties first and last...and that makes it all very, very close.

Ngatangia:

Deputy PM (Coalition CIP) Terepai Maoate is one of the most gentlemanly of all Ministers. He has also presided over a series of disastrous Ministries. The record in Health, Agriculture and Education under Dr. Maoate is widely judged most unfavourably.

Yet, he also has a refreshing record of honesty and is a strong keeper of his word and supporter of his electorate. In a slightly pro-CIP marginal (in 1983), he has his own people and several important Demos. If he doesn't get back, goodbye all Coalition. It will be an academic election only...how many will be the final CIP majority.

Matavera:

For a long time, sitting Coalition Demo William Cowan was rumoured to be a gonner in this traditional Demo enclave. Ex-Demo Mataio Aperau is a very strong CIP candidate and has an immaculate local work record. Ironically, CIP strategy here is coalitionist! Vote for the man, not the party. Maverick late entry Aneru Tautu wrecks the whole picture, however. He could split the Cowan vote enough to send Mataio in comfortably.

SUMMARY: Take no notice of the manifestos or non-manifestos. This election appears ready to run on a combination of:

- *traditional party allegiance
- *local personality
- *anti-government resentments.

After a failure by both main groups to address the major economic issues of supply and distribution, the two major groups are relying a lot on tradition and personality to fight their causes.

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The Coalition is NOT anti-party, NOR is it a separate party. It is attempting everywhere to extract maximum mileage out of traditional party loyalties and negative support from those who fear party rule under Geoffrey Henry and/or Vincent Ingram

The CIP is NOT fighting on pure party lines. It is attempting to extract maximum mileage out of "taokotainga" principles where useful and is looking for as many Demos and semi-Demos as possible.

The Labour Party IS fighting on pure party lines and has staked out the broad ideological battle-lines, including the only accurate economic policy on offer.

The People's Party also IS fighting along pure party lines and has staked out a position similar to the NZ Demo-

cratic Party on many purely local issues.

So

CONCLUSION: Logic, not guesswork, offers the following:

CIP (safe): Arutanga, Amuri, Mauke, Pukapuka, Avatiu, Takuvaine, Tupapa.

CIP (marginal): Vaipae, Overseas, Matavera.

Titikaveka, Tamarua

Coalition (safe):

Areora, Te Enui, Rakahanga, Penrhyn, Ngatangia

Coalition (marginal):

Mitiaro, Manihiki, Ruaau, Murienua.

Demo-Tumus (marginal):

Oneroa; Nikao

Independent (Marginal):

Ivirua

TOTALS:

CIP.....12

COALITION..... 9

TUMUS.....

INDEPENDENT.....

RESULT:

A shaky CIP/Tumu coalition involving the arch-manipulator Vincent Ingram and the man who has always lost out to the manipulators, Geoffrey Ingram.

A nasty war between the minority Tumus who will have, presumably, preferred to work as a minor part of a CIP government instead of joining a Demo-dominated Coalition under Pupuke Robati.

OR

The Tumus joining with Pupuke Robati and forming the above Demo-dominated Coalition. This would be further on the cards if Harry Napa could defeat Raymond Pirangi.

Then, a nasty war between the Maoate-led minority CIP's and Geoffrey and Tupui Henry.

OR

(Unlikely now) Mariri Paratainga making good his declaration to Atiu that he would join any government on their behalf.

CIP Landslide ? Not according to logic! But, there's more to elections than logic. Ask Ms. Bhutto!

NEXT WEEK:

The JOURNAL endorses. (As promised!)



THE ANATOMY OF A VOTE PART FIVE • POWER •

Three questions remain in this brief review of CIs. electioneering.

They all concern the people. The people who stand. The people who vote. And the people who wield the power.

There are now a record 93 "people who stand",

including 7 in one constituency!

This would roughly be the numerical equivalent of 14,000 candidates in a NZ election.

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Tom Davis -CIs. father figure who may have understood international power games rather more than local ones.

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The number is astronomical, especially as many of our constituencies have less than 200 voters!

When the MP for Tamarua, for example, visits Washington or the UN or London or whatever, he takes with him the mandate of less than 100 adults in a depopulated hamlet with a church, a meeting house and a school of just over 30!!

The absurdity of the situation was wittily highlighted by former Minister Pa Pokino who described to friends the sight of a street in Djakarta which contained "probably more people than in the whole of the Cook Is!"

Power, status, perks and money beyond the wildest dreams of a Pacific villager...this is what is implied by a PNG political writer who stated to an interviewer in the West, "So many candidates? Simple. Politics is the one way in which a Pacific Islander can become very rich!"

Election to Parliament means an enormous sudden change in fortunes for the successful candidate and his family and close supporters. Above all, it means (after a repeat election) the greatest long-term prize of all—a Parliamentary pension and security for life.

There ARE, thankfully, some other motives, though.

Assertion of title status is another. Our MP's are at least rangatira status and election to political office is an important reinforcement of the title, especially in matters concerning land.

In return for all this great levels of patronage are expected from the elected MP.

BUT, joy of joys, this election offers, almost for the first time, a few candidates whose genuine motivation appears to be a belief that they are the best person around to promote the interests of their people as a whole. There are some pure idealists in this election..AND, amazingly they are not fringe protesters but have a real chance of

election. Future elections may see more and more of this type of candidate.

The people meanwhile vote largely on local, personal issues.

A few are motivated by vengefulness against supposed wrongs done by the sitting member. But the majority consider first the interests of their immediate and extended families...in terms of jobs, housing and vehicle loans and the cost of living. The majority are committed to one of the traditional (since 1965 and 1971 respectively) parties and they see their economic interests being advanced if their family party gets in and expect not to be rewarded if the opposing party gets in.

It is expected that, if one's party gets in, access to Public Service jobs will be easier. Fear of actual dismissals, if the opposition gets in, is much less of a factor now.

But, behind it all, the real power lies less with the actual candidates and the voter than with the power brokers in each constituency. They last forever. Politicians and voters come and go.

Tom Davis represents the classic fate of those who feel above the "petty and grubby" business of local powermongering.

Requiem Mess

manuvai '88

farewell prayer
long way there
rolling deck
aching neck
soaking wet
hours yet
seconds tick
dozens sick
welcome kai
aere mai
concrete floor
draughty door
up at five
half alive
imene au
ura pau
every day
dance away
forbidden can
greasy pan
frigid fox
unwashed socks

then the test
be the best
item show
five to go
night by night
smiling bright
tea and bread
back to bed
homeward bound
nearly drowned
didn't win
not a sin
pretty near
try next year
BUT THEN....
NEVER AGAIN
goodbye goodbye
sweet
reeking

rolling
grease-grimed
accursed

manuvai
with tears
and souvenirs
the end...

old friend

VERA

(The above was written in fairly fond memory of a zillion tere party trips to the Culture Festivals on board the MANUVAI, Silk & Boyd's unique contribution to CIs culture, now sadly...on the reef in Nassau).



The new generation of "Aronga Mana" (Men of Power) in Takuvaive standing guard over the "Red-Red" rugby fortunes. FROM LEFT: Lionel Browne, Fred Goodwin and Henry Browne. Power at grass-roots level!

THE LAST WORD

REVIEW OF '88

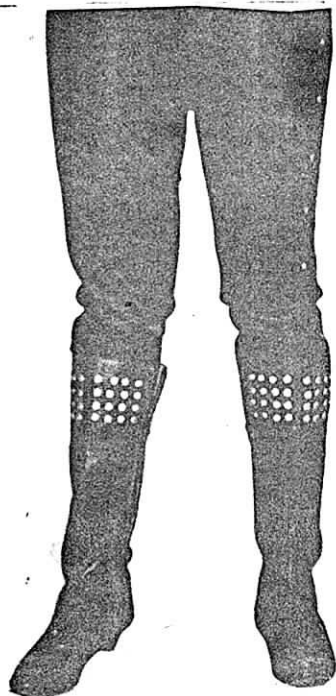
1988 TOP ELEVEN

1988 in Atiu was spent in front of the Video. An average of three a night seemed to be maintained. That makes about a thousand videos...or about 1500 hours...or 62 days...or two months without a break. Given the expected three-score-and-ten we can look forward to about four years non-stop video watching before the final Great Eject.



ABOVE AND BELOW:

The ubiquitous Galactic Titz, star of 857 of this year's videos in tight leather boots with phallic cartridges and symbolic



1. Ballmangler VIII.

(Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mike Tyson, Sylvester Stallone and Andre the Giant. 738 dead in the opening credits, a tank chase through downtown Rangoon, 14 cities nuked to ground level and Andre the Giant gang-raped by brutal Latinos with very long, black mustaches and fairly Spanish accents. A must.)

2. The Revenge of the Razor-Tailed Panda III.

(Starring Jackie Fu, master Dung-Spu expert, and zillions of relatives. Made in Macao. 6th Generation copy. Dubbed in Bulgarian)

3. Tits for Tat IV.

(Hilarious High School farce entirely shot through the keyhole of the Form Four girls changing room.)

4. Let's Screw the Gym Mistress II

(Sensitive follow-up hilarious High School farce entirely shot in the women's staff toilets)

halo plus rifle, the role she played to packed front rooms in 512 of her appearances in 1988.

In the other 245 87mins-plus-previews-features, she screwed a wide range of heroes.

Ms Titz was nominated Miss Cameramen's Fantasy of the Year by the Academy of Aging Cameramen Inc.

THE LAST WORD

OF ALL

Best wishes for 1989 to all our subscribers.

May your profit margins be adjusted to include your next year's subscription!

BELOW: Burt Reynolds as a gay micro-processor in LOVE BYTE X (forerunner to LOVE BYTE XI)



5. Acne V

(High-speed dance comedy drama featuring 20 memorable hits from the 1860's. Very nostalgic)

6. Zap the Gooks VII

(Vietnam as it really was. The latest in the long-running series on "How the US really won with nobody realising it.)

7. Zap the Nicaraguans III

(Nicaragua as it really ought to be. The latest in the long-running series on "How the US really would win the war if only they were allowed to.)

8. Zap the Grenadans VI

(The Hell that was Grenada. A short farce.)

9. Love Byte X1

(A smart comedy about yuppies, computers, divorces, New York flats, bringing kids, word processors, stockbrokers, lawyers and women magazine editors at the Opera. Starring Burt Reynolds as the word processor and Whoopie Goldberg as the black blonde who short circuits him. Not for marxists.)

10. Brainache III

(A grim tale of back-street bruisers and the shot of a lifetime for 4'7" super-flyweight contender Pete Pulp fighting to save his cancerous old mother-in-law, his one-legged de facto black, intellectually handicapped jewish AIDS-carrier wife and the future of his back-street Home for Reformed Video-Watchers from the clutches of the evil husband and wife stockbroker team of Burt Reynolds and Whoopie Goldberg.

11. Return of the Streep IV

(Revolting horror-exorcism classic about an unsuspecting family caught in an old farm house and forced to watch Meryl Streep Academy Award Nominations re-runs for the rest of their days.)

Special

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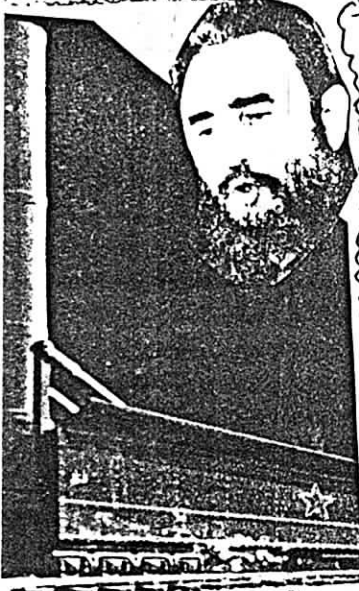
FROM THE PRAESIDIUM...



Hi there,
workers and
peasants. And
a special dosvydanya
to all you revolutionary
stockbrokers.....

THIS WEEK WE ARE
CELEBRATING THE 70th
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
REVOLUTION AND AS
I EXPECT YOU HAVE
HEARD WE HAVE A
NEW POLICY TAKING
US BACK TO THE
GLORIOUS DAY WHEN
WE STARTED OUR
REVOLTING WAYS.
FROM NOW ON....
WE ARE NICE!

So ----
PINK IS PERFECT!
folks
COMMIES ARE CUTE!
et cetera
- The Billiard Rooms,
KREMLIN.
Kiz orona, Mikhail.



This is
a very
nice
friend
and
next
to him
is an
extremely
nice
nuclear
missile
which
is never
going to
be used
unless I
feel it
absolutely
necessary



These are
my very
nice
compenims.
They all
love pece.
I told them
to.

THIS IS
NOT
A NICE
MAN. HE IS
VERY EVIL!
Avoid him.
He invented
AIDS!



These are extremely
nice dissidents. I
love them



I wonder if
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Could be!
or could it?
Maybe?
No...
or

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got the wrong
one! Just
fooling!

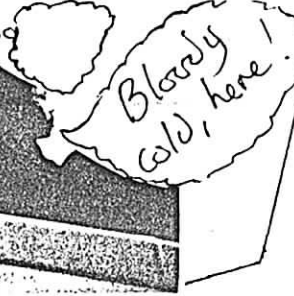
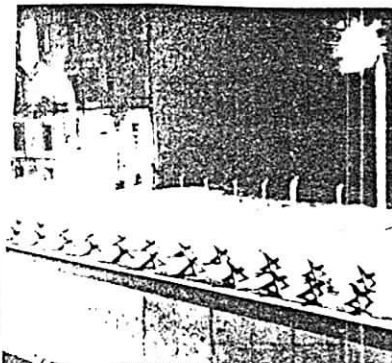
I hear you're
the one trying
to replace me
Sergei!

Thank God,
he's got
the wrong
one!

Nicet,
boss!

Bloody
cold, here!

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very nice
wall. I shot
it on holiday.
Note the nice
peace-loving
lights...



We Will Be Watching

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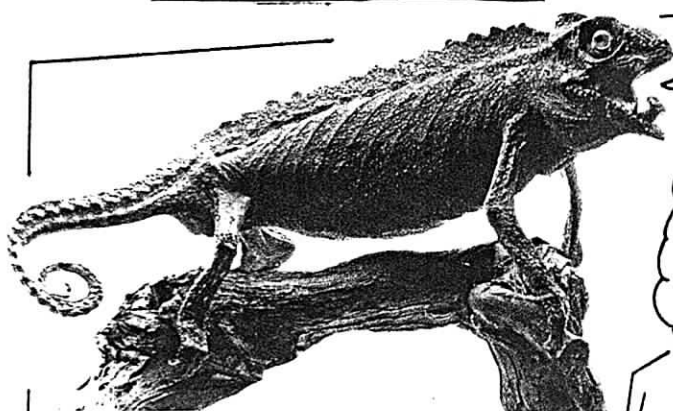
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WORLD WAR 6

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY



I had no
super-
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look how
ended up!

I'm
prepared
to sort
out my
own
age, no

I prefer
dabbling
in my
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I usually
leave such tedious
affairs to my
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It's
much
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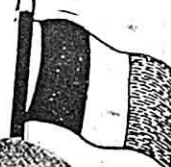
Have you
seen our
father?

We should
never have let
him face the
Select
Committee



I don't mind
you being a
bit annuated,
honey... I still
think you're
super!

vera's
Vaine



OFFICIEL

Le
French
View

UP
VOUS

Bon God, ici nous goes again. Je refers, of course, to les incroyablement ghastly kanack hordes who have been up to leurs vieux tricks encore. Je expects how vous have read how ils spent last week deliberately standing dans le way of les tres deadly bullets of les grands gendarmes. Quel un idiotic chose to do. Any vieux fool should know that quar vous stands devant les tres speedy bullets of our mighty gendarmes vous is tres likely to get un big hole dans le brain. Le problem est that le average kanack horde has un tres petit brain or peut-etre pas un brain at all. Witness le loony Jean Mary Teabag, le grandest con dans le Mighty Frog Empire. Je suis at un bit of a loss to know what je should do to train les abovementioned hordes so that ils can have un tres sensitive appreciation of les enormous benefits available to un suitably well-tamed horde.

Sur le subject of les Games, je has decided to introduce un brand nouveau event. C'est le excellent sport of kanack hunting. Les rules are tres simple et je will give un special medal to le one who gets le ghastly Teabag.

F.